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BOOKNOTES

Hart, Cohen to Wage Campaign in Search of Sales, Not Votes

As if they didn't do enough traveling in 1984, William Cohen and Gary Hart will hit the campaign trail again in May. This time they're not seeking voters but buyers—for their just-completed spy novel, *The Double Man* (William Morrow, \$15.95).

It was widely reported last year that the senator from Maine

and the senator from Colorado had decided to collaborate on a spy novel after they discovered a mutual love of literature while on a trip to China. The book was almost complete when Hart's campaign for the Democratic nomination for President caught fire. By the time Walter Mondale had beaten back Hart and freed

him for literary pursuits, Cohen was facing re-election.

But now the finishing touches have been applied. The book is due out in June, and a cross-country promotional tour is scheduled.

The book touches on such areas as the murder of a Secretary of State by terrorists, secrecy between the CIA and the White House, and the Kennedy assassination. The hero? A handsome young US senator, of course.

He Knows His Subject: John

Whitman was the CIA's man at the SALT II negotiations in Geneva from 1977 to 1979, the same position held by George Ignor, the hero of Whitman's first novel, a spy thriller titled *Geneva Accord* (Crown, \$14.95). A top Soviet analyst who spent nearly 30 years with the CIA, Whitman imbues his tale with a verisimilitude that keeps the reader wondering where fact leaves off and fiction begins. Whitman retired from the CIA in 1980 and embarked on a dual career as a psychiatric social worker and writer.